Registered medical practitioners.

326. *MR. D. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of registered medical practitioners in the different systems of medicine;

(*b*) the number of registered medical practitioners practising siddha vydiam:

(*c*) the number of applications received for registration from medical practitioners in the Siddha system; and

(*d*) the number of medical practitioners in the Siddha system in receipt of Government grant-in-aid?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 1224

(*b*) 28.

(*c*) 1226; and

(*d*) 11.

Tariff values of timbers.

327. *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: (*Moovattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the tariff values of the following timbers—

1. teak, 2. Erumulu. 3. Thempavu, 4. Anjily. 5. Maruthy, 6. Venteak, and 7. Firewood;

(*b*) the average rates at which the above timbers were sold this year at Varapuzha and Mudical depots; and

(*c*) whether they have sufficient stocks of these timbers in the depots?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR (*Conservator of Forests*):

(*a*) A statement showing the tariff values of items 1 to 7 is attached (statement A).

(*b*) A statement furnishing the average auction sale rates for items 1 to 6 is attached (statement B). No firewood is stacked in the depots.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know when this tariff rate was fixed?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: About two years ago, Sir.

Fuel.

328. *MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know from the Government whether they are aware of the suffering due to the scarcity of fuel in the towns of Travancore?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: It is understood that the sale price of firewood in towns has risen considerably in common with the prices of other commodities. No suffering due to non-availability of fuel has been brought to the notice of Government.

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